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## THE WAR. LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**THE ANGLO-FRENCH  
ADVANCE.**  
**MORE ORGANISED RESISTANCE.**

London, March 23.  
Reuter's Correspondent at British  
Headquarters reports that the worst  
possible wintry weather has almost  
brought operations to a standstill.  
The enemy are offering a more  
organised resistance, particularly  
along the line running to the north-  
west from Bois-de-Savy, which is  
three miles west of St. Quentin.  
The enemy continues to maintain  
strong covering patrols and cavalry  
guards in the most northerly sector  
where many machine-guns are posted  
at vantage points. It is clear that  
they want to prevent us advancing  
with the same rapidity as hitherto.

Most tremendous activity prevails  
behind our new front, viz: troop  
movements, road-mending, road-  
making and railway-making.  
The enemy are sending women  
between the ages of 17 and 35 years  
to the fortress at Maubeuge to  
make munitions. The inhabitants  
left behind state that the Boches  
have been talking a good deal lately  
and know more of the true situation  
than is generally believed. They  
have not concealed their apprehen-  
sions at the prospects of another  
great British offensive. Indeed, one  
possible reason for the retreat may  
have been the dubiety of the higher  
command as to whether the men  
would face another "Somme." As  
a Staff Officer remarked to me  
"Don't you think there is a good  
deal in this very simple idea that  
the Boche is quitting because he  
knows he's beat?"

**SOME HEAVY FIGHTING ON  
FRENCH FRONT.**

**ENEMY LOSSES VERY HIGH.**  
London, March 23.  
A French communiqué reports:  
A violent enemy attack on our  
positions before the village of  
Artenay, north of St. Simon, yester-  
day evening, at first slightly drove  
back our troops, but we immediately  
vigorously counter-attacked and  
threw back the enemy as far as  
Grandseraucourt.

There was a lively artillery duel  
between the Somme and the Oise.  
New detachments crossed the  
Ailette to the south of the Oise.  
There was intermittent cannonading  
in this region. We again progressed  
to the north of Soissons. It is con-  
firmed that the enemy attacks on  
the Vregny-Chivres front have been  
most violent. A whole regiment  
was thrown against a single point.  
Two French tank companies who  
were momentarily isolated from the  
bulk of our forces, succeeded in  
extricating themselves after stubborn  
fighting and brought back some  
prisoners.

The enemy losses during the  
course of these fruitless attempts  
have been very high.  
Several enemy *coups-de-main* to  
the north-west of Rheims, towards  
Maisons-de-Champagne, in Avocourt,  
Wood and in the region of St. Mihiel  
failed.

An Albatross aeroplane chaser was  
brought down in our lines.

**GERMAN REPORT.**  
A German official message, trans-  
mitted by wireless, states:  
We drove back the French, who  
had crossed the Somme at Crozat  
canal, with sanguinary losses. We  
took 250 prisoners.  
We repulsed strong French attacks  
to the west and south of Margival.  
An airship successfully bombed  
English establishments near Madrid.

**APPALLING DEVASTATION.**

PARIS, March 23.  
The newspapers continue to be  
filled with stories of appalling  
devastation on the line of retreat.  
The latest example is Chaunoy,  
where 1,800 out of 2,500 houses have  
been destroyed and fired, including  
churches, the Palais de Justice, the  
Ecole Primaire, the Hospital and  
Almahouses.

All males between the ages of 14  
and 30 years have been taken off.  
The enemy hearded women, children  
and the feeblest inhabitants of the  
thirteen surrounding communes, in a  
certain quarter of the town, and then  
trained guns on this quarter, killing  
and wounding many.

It is now officially confirmed that  
the Germans have been poisoning the  
walls with arsenic.

**HEART-RENDING STORIES.**

London, March 23.  
Correspondents relate heart-  
rending stories of the condition of the  
inhabitants of the re-occupied dis-  
tricts in France, particularly at  
Neule where they found famished  
children wandering about, ghost-  
like, amid the ruins of their homes,  
with bluish faces and heavy-lidded  
eyes. Some who were prostrated  
wanly smiled at the soldiers who  
supplied them with the first food  
they had had for days. The inhabi-  
tants had had no meat since Septem-  
ber and no milk for a year. They  
never received a quarter of the  
rations supplied by the Americans  
relief fund.

**THE MISSING GERMAN PRINCE.**

PARIS, March 23.  
A French commentator announces  
that the aeroplane "bug" in the  
advance included Prince Friedrich  
Carl's machine.

**THE NEW GERMAN LINE.**

London, March 16.  
The Times military correspondent  
states the Germans are retreating  
from the Aisne because they appar-  
ently want to fight on clean ground  
and seem to have prepared such a  
position on the so-called "Hinden-  
burg line" from Lens through St.  
Quentin towards Laon.  
(\* Delayed in transmission.)

**THE TREATMENT OF BRITISH  
PRISONERS.**

London, March 23.  
Further correspondence has been  
published between Viscount Grey  
and Mr. Page, the American Ambas-  
sador, with regard to the treatment  
of British prisoners in Germany.  
Mr. Page states that there are 872  
British Indians from the Hansas  
liners interned at Havelburg. The  
conditions are satisfactory and there  
is little illness.

**FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.**

London, March 23.  
The French official report of  
submarining for the week ended  
March 18, states:  
The arrivals of merchantmen of  
over 100 tons, not including fishing  
craft, was 920, and the departures  
914. French ships sunk were six  
over 1,000 tons and six under 1,000  
tons. Fifteen fishing craft were  
sunk and there were three unsuc-  
cessful attacks.

**THE "MOEWEE"**

AMSTERDAM, March 23.  
It is officially announced from Berlin  
that the auxiliary cruiser *Moewe* has  
returned home after a second cruise in  
the Atlantic.  
(Continued on Page 5.)



## INTIMATIONS

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(4) No person may hold more than 500 £1 Certificates or their equivalent.

The £1 Certificates (purchase price 15s. 6d.) are issued in two forms. The Certificates for £12 (purchase price 18s. 0d.) and £25 (purchase price 37s. 6d.) are issued without books. The £1, £12 and £25 Certificates are on sale at all Post Offices and at most Banks.

Single Certificates for sums from £100 to £500 may be obtained on application to the Controller and Accountant General, Money Order Department, London, application forms are available at all Post Offices and at most Banks.

If Certificates be lost, and the serial numbers can be furnished to the Controller of the Money Order Department, new Certificates will be issued at charge of 1s.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, LONDON, June, 1916.

(For examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates, see the other side.)

Examples of Investment in War Savings Certificates

Purchase Price	Value after 5 years	Value after 10 years	Value after 15 years	Value after 20 years	Value after 25 years	Value after 30 years	Value after 35 years	Value after 40 years	Value after 45 years	Value after 50 years
15s. 6d.	25s. 0d.	30s. 0d.	35s. 0d.	40s. 0d.	45s. 0d.	50s. 0d.	55s. 0d.	60s. 0d.	65s. 0d.	70s. 0d.
18s. 0d.	28s. 0d.	33s. 0d.	38s. 0d.	43s. 0d.	48s. 0d.	53s. 0d.	58s. 0d.	63s. 0d.	68s. 0d.	73s. 0d.
37s. 6d.	55s. 0d.	65s. 0d.	75s. 0d.	85s. 0d.	95s. 0d.	105s. 0d.	115s. 0d.	125s. 0d.	135s. 0d.	145s. 0d.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY  
LIMITED.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the COLONIAL (Hongkong) REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 27th March, 1917, to WEDNESDAY, 28th April, 1917, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. E. ROBERTS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 19, 1917. 1591

HONGKONG CLUB.  
NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-FIRST YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the Club House on THURSDAY, the 29th March, 1917, at 8.30 P.M.

By Order,  
E. D. DE VOUZ,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 21, 1917. 1592

## INTIMATIONS

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT  
COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Water Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 27th day of March, 1917 at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1916, and declaring a Dividend.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1555

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT  
COMPANY, LIMITED & REDUCED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 1st March to SATURDAY, 31st March, 1917, both days inclusive. The return of Capital of £2.50 per share will be paid to Shareholders on and after the 15th March, 1917, on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

By Order of  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1917. 1553

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA  
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 27th March, 1917, at 12 Noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 21st to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 17, 1917. 1587

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS  
AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on TUESDAY, the 27th March, 1917, at 4 P.M. in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, New Government Building, for the following purposes:

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1916.
- (2) To elect a New Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,  
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 17, 1917. 1588

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Manager at 11.30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 28th instant, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1916 and the Report of the General Manager. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1592

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the General Manager at 11.30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Ltd.  
Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1599

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Manager, Pedder's Street, on FRIDAY the 30th instant at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to 29th March both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.  
General Agents.

Hongkong, March 8, 1917. 1590

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY  
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## NOTICE.

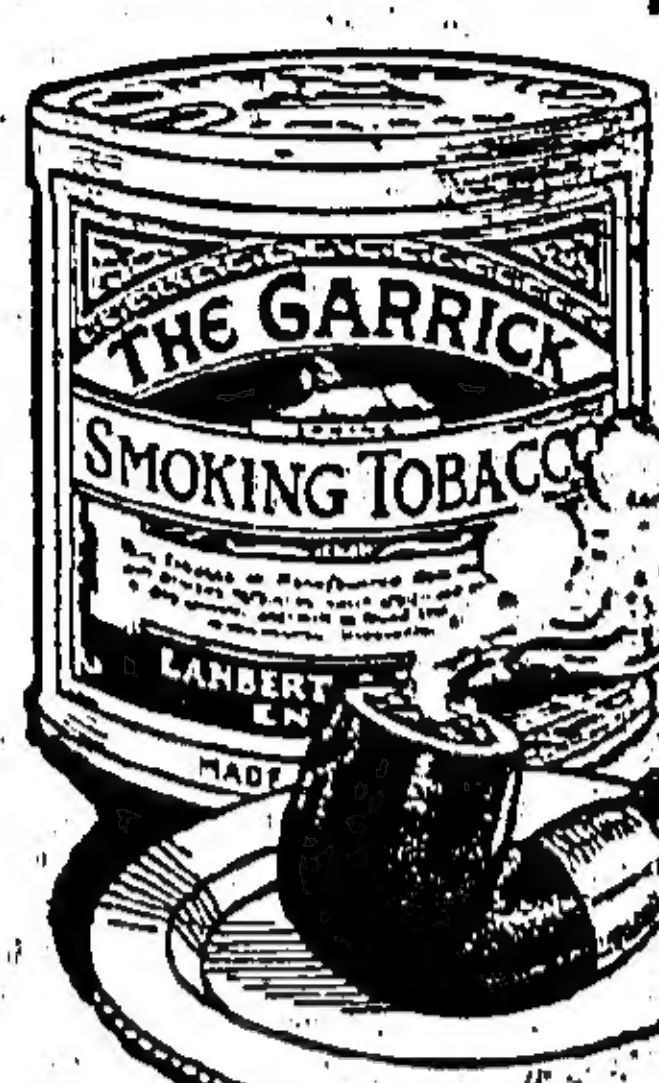
AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of FIVE DOLLARS per Share has been Declared and will be Payable at the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation on or after WEDNESDAY the 4th April.

The REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 31st March to WEDNESDAY, 4th April, both days inclusive, during which days no Transfer of Shares can be made.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be issued on WEDNESDAY the 4th April, and may be obtained on application.

DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.  
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 21, 1917. 1593

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## THE TANK - IN LONDON.

NEW SENSATION FOR CINEMA  
PATRONS.VIVID SCENES FROM BATTLE  
FIELD.

Over a hundred picture theatres in London showed the battle of the Ancre film—including the advance and return of the Tanks—to packed houses recently. Writing of them Mr. H. M. Marlow, in "The Chronicle" says:—So those are the Tanks!

Those squat, blistered, peripatetic "dumbbells" as soon as they appear, our hygienic friends of the back yard to start dreading death and destruction. Of course the Tanks laughed, of course they invented complimentary names for such fatuous lumps of old iron; but one doubts at first if they ever really compared them with anti-dive machines. They look much too incompetent for an ichthyosaurus, or a megatherium for that matter.

But they move. Our Gallies were right. A stout thrusts its way across the top left-hand corner of the screen, and the thing is no longer a dud but a beast. You catch sight of the beast's name, which happens to be "Oh-I-Say!" and immediately the beast makes another evolutionary bound and becomes a weapon, an American, as distinct a personality as a ship of war. And so everyone here in peaceful London gets the chance of understanding how the great Tank folk-tale was born on the battlefield, fathered and mothered by the humour and pluck of the army.

## HOW SHE LOOKED—AND BEHAVED.

"Oh-I-Say!" noses her way diagonally across the sheet till her whole carcass, with its absurd wheeled tail—reminiscent of one of those pictures of fat-tailed sheep in foreign travel-books—comes into view. This, I keep saying to myself, is precisely how she looked, and how she behaved when at dawn on September 15th, 1916, she crawled beyond our front line on the Ancre and out into the unknown, among the barbed wire and the shell-holes and the hundred guessed-at dangers. This is not an impression coming through another man's brain. Time and space vanish; this is she! I find myself struggling to imagine the emotions of the men inside, half succeeding, failing.

She's among the barbed wire out there on the right. It vanishes like cotton threads or spider's web across a road when a motor-car goes by. These go. Snags are plucked out. The mud we were seeing so much of ten minutes ago is so much butter to her. Shell-holes she sneezes at, though rolling a bit, like a ship, at sea. She grows smaller and smaller, crawling on to where the shells are bursting, crawling on with those men inside, crawling on with a perfectly absurd indifference to all the evident laws of nature, to everything except her supreme and fantastic mission in life, or death.

Whether it is "Oh-I-Say!" or another member of the family that returns by and by is not apparent, but brings one of them certainly does, and brings with her a delightful sense of relief. The

Tanks are all cheering as she crawls—almost jauntily—down a muddy defile. We want to cheer too. We are caught up into the after-the-battle tide of emotion. Again I try to get into that blistered, peripatetic dudbin (more blistered now than ever), among the men, and farther than that, into the men's minds.

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Our advance has been slow, but each step has been sure and deliberate. Operations have not been complicated by the enforced rapidity of movements which made the attempted relief of Kut so costly last January. Then we had to advance long distances over open and unprepared ground without cover and with limited artillery preparation, against well-disciplined rifle and machine-gun fire. The situation now is very different. For the last six weeks we have advanced our line step by step established ourselves within easy jumping off distance, battered the enemy's trenches and gone in and cleared them after an ample bombardment. But it has been far from being a walk over for the infantry. The Turk in his defence has shown the old Fierza spirit. At Mahomed Abdul Hassan with his back to the swollen Tigris, no bridge, and only a few coracles and pontoons to depend upon for communications, he held his ground stubbornly. Gradually forced back into a narrower area, in which our barrage became more and more concentrated, his trenches pounded into confused shambles by our guns, he emerged and counter-attacked with the utmost gallantry. And he did not quit until we had driven him into his last ditch.

**ADVANCING ON KUT.**

Operations may be said to have begun in the Mahomed Abdul Hassan bend on December 10th when we began to throw our net of trenches round the Turk on a wide front from the Hai to the Tigris. On the night of the 22nd we occupied a point on the Tigris opposite the S.E. end of the Kut peninsula, driving a wedge in between the two enemy trench systems on the right bank. We extended our position here on the 23rd and gradually advanced our line to Kut East mounds, the northern point of which was held by the enemy. Thus we were established side-by-side with the Turk holding alternative positions on the same bank of the river—Turk, British, Turk, British. One of us had to turn the other out and the odds were against the Turk with his less numerous artillery and precarious communications.

Our infantry which had by then pushed forward to within 300 yards of the enemy, attacked on the morning of January 9th. On our left an attack went in and cleared Kut East mounds and 600 yards of the river front. Here, there was, some desperate hand to hand fighting with bayonet and bombs. A certain regiment of the Indian Army saw red and translated their vision into fact. Two hundred Turkish dead were found within a radius of 300 yards the next morning. To complete our objective on this flank it only remained to bomb up and join hands with a British regiment, which according to plan would be working down from the captured position of the Turkish line 400 yards on the right. This regiment had attacked on a 200 yards front and got in with a few casualties, close up to our barrage, before an enemy head had emerged from behind the parapet. Turkish trenches had been subjected to more than one intense bombardment during the previous days, and were battered out of shape. They were slightly held and, I believe, not by the pick of their troops. These were to meet later. The garrison of the first line was broken by the tons of metal poured in before the assault. A portion of them surrendered.

**COUNTER-ATTACKS.**

Once in the enemy's first line hotting parties worked along the trench of both flanks on the left to join up from the river, on the right to extend the position gained another 800 yards and there to form a block, while other parties worked up to points in the brushwood nullahs between the first and second Turkish lines which were to be converted into communication trenches by wire supports and pioneers. It was down these nullahs that the enemy counter-attacked in force, throwing forward an undisciplined fighting party. There was a brief but

very favourable to a surprise and the Turks who had been lying up in the scrub suddenly loomed out of the mist like a football crowd. Our men were planned into a trench from which it was difficult to use their rifles, and their Lewis gun jammed with dirt, but the small party hung on, cut off from all supports, and fought to a finish with bomb and bayonet until they were practically exterminated; the Turkish dead found on the spot next morning numbered over 200. The wave swept on and caught a second party of the same regiment on the flank, driving them back on to the captured trench and was there held up.

In the meanwhile the Turks were pressing down the trench on our right. It was here that a small working party of pioneers, a mere platoon under a young subaltern, found themselves with a handful of British troops in the crisis of the action. They held the breach, built up a block, and bombed the Turk lustily for hours. In the evening we still held this ground and drove the Turks out of the sections of the trench they had re-occupied. The day's work had given us the whole of Kut East mounds, part of the west side of the Mahomed Abdul Hassan loop, extending by 600 yards the gap we held between the two Turkish positions on the right bank of the river, and 1,000 yards of the first line trench which lay astride the bond. We captured 700 prisoners, 135 other ranks, 2 machine-guns, 3 trench mortars and 200 dead were counted in a communication trench 300 yards long.

**A GALLANT NIGHT.**

January 10th was a comparatively quiet day. We advanced our line with little opposition and it seemed that the back of the Turkish resistance was broken. Before evening we had them pinned in a narrow triangle on the river bank and most of us thought it was all over. But the Turk was far from beat. The gallant remnants of the battalion who fought on the 9th had been withdrawn, and fresh troops had been ferried over at night to take their place. But owing to the scrub and nullahs and the steep river banks, it was difficult to estimate with what force the position was held, and the misty morning hampered aeroplane reconnaissance. At 2 on the afternoon of the 11th we were preparing for the final scene, when the Turks counter-attacked on both flanks and penetrated our line. They were held up by our rifle and machine-gun fire, and as they broke back became a target for our guns. They lost heavily, but it was one of the most gallant sorties ever seen.

In many ways the Mahomed Abdul Hassan bend was a good position to hold. The brushwood and nullahs made for sticky fighting, and we could not mass troops in an area which was enfiladed on both sides, north and south, from the other bank of the river. The Turks were keenly alive to this advantage and turned it to account. They also realised that the capture of the loop would enable us to enfilade the Kut peninsula in the same way as well as both banks of the Hai. The Ottoman troops were ordered to hold on and they held on with their backs to the wall in a manner that compelled our admiration. Their position was hopeless. The end was only a question of patience and guns. War is not sport, and it was not worth while waiting troops on frontal attacks. Instead of rushing the position we threw forward our trenches gradually until the area they held became so cramped that our concentrated gun fire made it untenable. Even so there were worthy and counter-attacks and our infantry had to go in with the bayonet again, before the enemy quitted.

**OUR WORK.**

The remnants of the force slipped away in their boats and coracles on the night of the 16th, 19th. They kept up the use of digging until the small hours. We thought they were digging themselves in deeper against our artillery fire. As a matter of fact they were burying their dead. And in doing so they filled up their trench, preparing their cemetery and a strategic line of retreat at the same time, so that our infantry had to advance in the morning without cover, exposed to the fire from the other bank.

We can afford to bear witness to our enemy's grit; it would be a poor compliment to our fighting men if we did not. These were the best Ottoman troops, and the dogged tenacity of the Turk behind a parapet is proverbial. As a certain private expressed it: "Until he's got a cramp on his knee-knocks the old Turk doesn't know when he's beat." The Turkish Commander sent a message to the Officer Commanding at Mahomed Abdul Hassan, congratulating the troops for their "steadfastness in holding their ground in spite of bloody losses during to-day's bombardment in the mist." The document was found on one of their dead. "The Corps Commander kisses the eyes of all ranks and thanks them." "I too kiss all their eyes and thank them."

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TELEGRAMS.

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WAR DEMONSTRATION IN NEW YORK.

THE BATTLE OF DEMOCRACY.

New York, March 23. A mass meeting of 13,000 people in Madison Square Gardens passed a resolution calling upon Congress to declare a state of war between the United States and Germany and pledging themselves to support President Wilson. In urging the United States to enter the war without delay, Mr. Eli Root, president, emphasised that if America went to war she would be again fighting the battle of democracy on the side of democratic Allies including "now, God be praised, the great democracy of Russia."

Mr. Fairchild, the ex-Secretary to the Treasury, pictured a great American division led by Colonel Roosevelt fighting in Russia, sent by the oldest democracy to the youngest democracy, to save both from the dreadful loss of all democracies.

ANOTHER AMERICAN SHIP SUBMERGED.

Yokohama, March 23. A trawler has arrived with 13 additional survivors of the *Headton*. They state that there were 21 deaths. The ship was submerged without warning within the so-called "safe" zone.

Later. The attack on the *Headton* occurred at 8.15 on the evening of March 21. The vessel was plainly sighted and bore the words "Headton, New York" between the masts. The survivors include the Captain.

Later. The *Headton* was an oil tank steamer. She was twice torpedoed amidships and took fire. A brass capsize and the twenty-one occupants were probably drowned. The Captain declares that at least six Americans were drowned.

GERMAN SEA WAR ZONE EXTENDED.

A NOTIFICATION TO NORWAY.

CHRISTIANIA, March 24. Germany has notified Norway that the danger zone now includes the waters between the northern coast of Norway and Spitzbergen, except the Norwegian territorial waters. Obviously this is aimed at the Archangel route.

THE "LIBERTY OF THE PRESS" IN HOLLAND.

DUTCH EDITOR SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT.

AMSTERDAM, March 23. The Hague Supreme Court has sentenced Mr. Schreuder, the pro-Ally Editor of the *Telegraaf*, to three months' imprisonment for the article written on January 16, 1915, in which it was declared that conscienceless scoundrels in Central Europe caused the war.

GERMANY SENDS PRISONERS TO WAR ZONE.

LONDON, March 23. The International Red Cross Society announces that a large number of prisoners have been sent to the war zone from Germany.

BRITISH LINER TONNAGE REQUISITIONED.

LONDON, March 22. The Government has made a general requisition of all liner tonnage of what is generally known as the "Conference Lines," which serve India, Australia, South Africa, South-East Africa and South America.

This means that the liner tonnage will be requisitioned at "Blackbook" rates, which are lower than those that such tonnage fetches in the open market.

It is understood that this extended control is a scheme intended to deal systematically with and to the best advantage of practically the whole of the British tonnage, bringing it under the direction of the Shipping Controller.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

THE ARREST OF THE TSAR.

PETROGRAD, March 23. The ex-Tsar has arrived at Tsarskoye Selo.

There was no excitement on the arrival of the Delegates at Mohileff. They presented the mandate of arrest to General Alekseyev who informed the Tsar, who was waiting inside the Imperial train. The ex-Tsar replied: "I am ready to go anywhere and to submit to any decision."

A silent crowd witnessed the departure, the Dowager Empress and a group of officers bidding the ex-Tsar farewell. The train arrived at Susalsko at nine in the morning when the ex-Tsar was awakened. At 10 o'clock he went to the dining saloon, inviting his suite to partake of coffee. After an hour's conversation the ex-Tsar addressed his suite and servants saying: "Thank you for your services. *Adieu*." He kissed the members of his suite and servants, the latter kissing the ex-Tsar's shoulder. On arriving at the Imperial Pavilion the ex-Tsar, wearing the Cossack uniform, stepped out calmly, but looking haggard, and walked to a waiting motor car. The public was not present.

UNITED STATES RECOGNITION.

WASHINGTON, March 23. The State Department has announced the formal and full recognition of the new Russian Government.

BRITISH PRESS AND THE REVOLUTION.

LONDON, March 23. The result of the revolution is received with unmixed joy by the British Press. The headlines to editorialists which read "Long Live Russia" and "Russia as a Nation" testify to the satisfaction with what is described as the most momentous event of the war, and the most crushing blow yet dealt to Germany, who is now expected to feel the influence of the real Russian spirit. Sympathy and pity are expressed for the tragic figure of the Tsar, patriotic and devout, but lacking in intellectual and moral strength to place himself boldly at the head of the people.

RECOGNITION OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

PETROGRAD, March 23. The British, French and Italian Ambassadors yesterday conveyed to the Foreign Office their recognition of the Provisional Government and asked for a formal reception when Sir George Buchanan has recovered from influenza. The whole Cabinet will be present at the reception.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

LONDON, March 23. A Russian official message transmitted by wireless states:—

In the direction of Lida our counter-attacks regained trenches we lost yesterday.

We drove out the enemy from the stations of Vedeni and Hala in the region of Brailov.

We dislodged the Turks from their positions near Chazria and occupied Alibad, near Kersida, after a 16 hours' battle.

NO NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 23. Except for the message announcing the capture of Kermanshah, no news from Russia has been received since March 12.

[This means, presumably, no news from this particular theatre of the war.—Ed.]

THE PRICE OF BREAD IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 23. The price of a quarter loaf will be raised to a shilling on Monday.

THE FOOD POSITION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, March 23. After a debate in the House of Commons on the Food question, Mr. Balfour replying pointed out that the poorer classes in Great Britain were not suffering as badly as those in other belligerent countries. He undertook to consider measures to prevent evasion of the regulations through the people purchasing from different grocers. He said potatoes might last till the new crop if the well-to-do temporarily forego, from consumption. A drastic new food order would be issued shortly.

THE IRISH HOME RULE QUESTION.

HISTORIC SCENE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, March 23. There was an historic scene in the House of Commons when Mr. Bonar Law made his unexpected Home Rule statement. Loud cheers rang from all the benches when Mr. Bonar Law declared that the Government had decided, despite the risk of failure, that it would be worth while, on their own responsibility, to make another attempt to reach a settlement.

The whole tone of the debate was one of conciliation.

Mr. Redmond was absent, but it is known that, as a result of the Government's decision, the Nationalist leaders will refrain from obstructive tactics pending the Government's action.

A striking change in the Ulsterite front was revealed by the speech of Mr. Bonald McNeill, who while upholding the justice of Ulster's view, expressed a desire for an amicable settlement.

It was noticed that Mr. Bonar Law and Sir Edward Carson sat together and lengthily conversed prior to the former's statement. Speculation is rife as to the Government's intentions, of which nothing has transpired, but the opinion is that the best hopes of a settlement would be a reduction of the proposed exclusion area with a proviso that any County may vote itself out of the Act for a term of years. It is also expected that there will be some symbol of the integrity of Ireland to meet the Nationalists' claim to a "United Ireland."

The question of the participation of the "Dominion" delegates has aroused the very greatest interest. It is pointed out that all the Home Rule Acts of the Dominions were the result of settlement by consent.

PRUSSIAN BREAD RATION TO BE REDUCED.

AMSTERDAM, March 23. Following the recent statement in the Prussian Diet, that the stock of grain is less than was generally believed, it is now announced that the Prussian bread ration will be reduced from April 15 by one quarter.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS FRENCH LAWYER.

PARIS, March 16. The death is announced of Maître Labou, the famous French lawyer. (Delayed in transmission.)

THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, March 15. Sir Arthur Lawley cables that the arrangements for the evacuation of the men wounded in the recent actions in Mesopotamia were admirable. There was not the slightest hitch, the Red Cross motor launches worked splendidly.

Replying to the congratulations of the Liverpool Exchange, General Maude says that the Lancashire men bore themselves most bravely at the passage of the Dials.

SIR PERCY SYKES' PROGRESS IN PERSIA.

LONDON, March 15. In the House of Commons, Sir John D. Rees asked regarding General Sir Percy Sykes' progress in Persia and the extent to which he had succeeded in organising the force of military police under Indian army officers in South Persia.

Lord Robert Cecil replied that General Sir Percy Sykes is at present at Shiraz organising the South Persian Rifles. It was obviously undesirable to discuss the matters raised in the latter part of the question.

GERMAN SPIES IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, March 23. Two men accused of obtaining or attempting to obtain military information in England and Ireland for conveyance to Germany via the United States have been sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$2,500 each. The State Attorney stated that the accused were merely tools engaged in a series of unedifying violations against America by German interests. Accused by pleading guilty, had served Germany inasmuch as they had concealed the identity of those who were planning and financing the enterprise.

THE U.S. LOAN OFFER.

LONDON, March 23. The City is impressed with the American Federal Reserve Board's volte face in recommending a billion dollar loan. It is pointed out that bankers hitherto have been discouraged from taking up short-dated Entente loans.

GERMAN FOOD TROUBLES.

LONDON, March 23. A long and severe winter in Germany threatens serious injury to the new crops. The Food Dictator, Herr Battenberg, has informed the Essen Miners' Union that, owing to the deficient harvest and further damage occasioned by frost, scarcity and privation are unavoidable.

RUB IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism can't be cured without taking nauseous medicine. (Advertisement for Balm.)

The superintendent of a chemical works at Hoboken and five engineers of the *U.S. Kaiser Friedrich der Gross* are charged with conspiracy in connection with the destruction of vessels last year valued at four million dollars.

The Government alleged that the manufacture of the bombs, which were smuggled aboard ships were contraband, financed by Captain Boyell and von Papen.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

HEAVY ENEMY LOSSES.

LONDON, March 23. A French communiqué reports:—

In the region of St. Quentin there have been patrol skirmishes.

North of Dollon, between the Somme and the Oise, the enemy attempted violent counter-attacks to dislodge us from the east bank of the St. Quentin canal.

Successive enemy attacks in front of Clastres and Montescourt were broken, our machine gun fire inflicting heavy losses on the Germans.

Equally violent fighting west of Laifere terminated in the complete defeat of the enemy.

South of the Oise our detachments crossed the Ailette at some points.

The Germans north of the Ailette made renewed attempts between the Ailette and the river. Three attacks on the Vregny-Chivres line were stopped by our barrage fire. Our artillery in the region south of the Ailette annihilated the Germans inflicting very heavy losses.

Fairly heavy artillery fighting took place in the Voivre region. An enemy attempt on Romainville farm, near St. Mihiel, failed.

Reports are continuing to pour in of German vandalism in the evacuated zone.

General Fleck, the commander of the 17th Army Corps, carried off the furniture of the house in which he resided at Ham.

HUN VANDALISM.

LONDON, March 23. Reuters' correspondent at French headquarters reports: The enemy either burned or exploded every house in every village we passed. They wrecked the canal bridges and even cut down the fruit trees. The villagers agree that the German soldiers are practically exclusively fed on inferior bread and marmalade with a little canned meat, while the officers fare on very little better.

PEEBLE EXPLANATIONS FOR GERMAN RETREAT.

AMSTERDAM, March 23. The German press is still laboriously explaining the retreat from the Aene. The *Frankfurter Zeitung*, after saying it is a riddle and a most painful surprise, declares that it must be a clever move, and certainly splendidly carried out.

Major Morant, writing in the *Berlin Tageblatt* evidently under Government inspiration, reminds the puzzled German public of Hindenburg's strategy in the days of Tannenberg and says that surely it is not necessary to point out that he is now acting in the west, shortening his front strategically in order to leave a wilderness for the advancing enemy.

KAISER DECORATES HIS NAVAL CHIEF.

AMSTERDAM, March 23. The Kaiser has conferred the Order of Merit on Admiral Von Holtzendorff, Chief of the Admiralty Staff, in recognition of his services as his "Naval Counsellor."

COMPULSORY RATIONING OF BREAD FORESHADOWED.

LONDON, March 23. In the House of Lords, Lord Devonport the Food Controller foreshadowed compulsory rationing of bread unless the consumption is very considerably diminished.

CONTROLLER FOR COAL MINES.

LONDON, March 22. In the House of Commons, Mr. G. H. Roberts announced that the Board of Trade had appointed a controller for all coal mines, who was now dealing with the question of distribution of supplies with a view to economy of transport.

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THE BULGARIAN BOMBARDMENT OF MONASTIR.

CORRU, March 23. A Serbian semi-official message states that prior to their compulsory retirement from the neighbourhood of Monastir the Bulgars on the 18th and 19th, bombarded the town and dropped six hundred shells many of which were apocryphal shells.

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THE BRITISH ADVANCE.

STRONGER ENEMY RESISTANCE.

LONDON, March 23. Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—The enemy's resistance is increasing on the whole front from westward of St. Quentin to the south of Arras.

Heavy snowstorms impeded our advance. We carried out a successful raid to the north-east of Arras. The enemy, counter-attacking across the open, suffered severe casualties. A small party raided our trenches north of Ypres, but was driven out by our machine guns. We dispersed another party to the south-west of Lens.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

THE RESULT WILL STRENGTHEN RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 22. The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Lloyd George, in a telegram to Prince Lvoff, expressed the most profound satisfaction of Great Britain and her overseas dominions that Russia stands with the nations basing their institutions on responsible governments. Much as we appreciate the loyal and steadfast co-operation we have received from the Tsar and Russia's armies during two and a half years, we believe that the revolution, whereby her destinies are based on the sure foundation of freedom, has been the greatest service yet made to the Allied cause. It proves that the war is a struggle for popular government equally with liberty, which has thus already won one resounding victory. It is a sure promise that the prussian military autocracy will soon be overthrown. There is no doubt that the result of the establishment of a stable constitutional government will be to strengthen Russia in the resolve to prosecute the war until the last stronghold of tyranny is destroyed. All free peoples will unite to attain a future fraternity of peace.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

DESIRE FOR SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, March 22. A general strong desire is manifested in the House of Commons in favour of an Irish settlement.

Mr. Bonar Law said he thought it would be far easier to effect an arrangement with Ulster if the Nationalists would openly avow that they had no desire to impose Home Rule on Ulster. Both Irish sides must make sacrifices.

Mr. Asquith promised his hearty co-operation.

The Nationalists abstained from participation in the discussion.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

LONDON, March 22. In the House of Commons, Sir L. G. Chichester Money stated that over a hundred standardised ships had been arranged for. The ships were of three sizes, but he could not give details of their speed, etc.

NATIONAL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS.

LONDON, March 22. In the House of Commons, Mr. A. C. T. Beck announced that 137,323 men had volunteered for national service, and about half of them were available for work of national importance.

SURVIVORS OF THE S.S. HEADTON ARRIVE.

THE HAGUE, March 23. A sloop has arrived with seven of the survivors of the sunken American steamer *Headton*.

The *Headton* was torpedoed on the 21st. Three boats were launched, two of which are missing. It is believed fourteen men were killed by a boiler explosion.

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A REMARKABLE PROCESSION.

PETROGRAD, March 23. Government delegates have gone to Mohileff to conduct the ex-Emperor to Tsarskoye Selo.

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## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

## JOINED.

Spr. H. J. Rowe having joined is promoted Corps No. 2061, and posted to Engineer Company.

## LEAVE.

The undermentioned are granted leave for the duration of the war with effect from the dates mentioned:—

Lieutenant L. N. Murphy from 193.17. Spr. H. F. Haines from 1.4.17. Spr. P. W. A. Wilkie from 23.3.17. Spr. D. Smith from 23.3.17. Captain E. D. C. Wolfe is granted 14 days' leave from 23.3.17.

Mr. J. E. Taggart is granted one month's leave from 21.3.17.

Spr. V. Findlay Smith is granted one month's leave from 20.3.17.

Mr. L. D. McNeill is granted three months' leave from 20.3.17.

## TRANSFERRED.

Mr. A. Forbes is transferred from Signalling Section to Artillery Battery dated 23.3.17.

Mr. A. W. J. Simmons is transferred from Signalling Section to Engineer Company dated 23.3.17.

## CASUAL DISPOSITION OF MEN.

All officers and bayonets will be inspected between the 2nd and 9th of April and must reach Headquarters and be removed as follows:—

Artillery Battery and Belchers 6th Section to be removed from Headquarters on 2nd April.

Engine Company, M.G. Co., Civil Service Coy. and Left Sec. M.G. Co. to be at Headquarters on 2nd April and to be removed from Headquarters on 4th April.

Right Sec. M.G. Co. and Engineer Company to be at Headquarters on 2nd April and to be removed from Headquarters on 4th April.

Signalling Section to be at Headquarters on 4th April and to be removed from Headquarters on 6th April.

Scouts Company to be at Headquarters on 4th April and to be removed from Headquarters on 6th April.

Units will make the necessary arrangements so that rifle and bayonet are available for details on duty.

## PARADES.

Sunday, 25th instant:— 8.00 a.m. Scouts Company and all members of Artillery Battery, Left, Centre, Right Sections M.G. Co., Civil Service Company and Signalling Section who did not fire on 11th instant, on Parade at East of Blake Pier and proceed by launch to Kowloon City Range for Field Firing. Dress: Drill order (holmes) with haversack, waterbottle (filled) with pouches and 20 rounds ball ammunition. On completion of practice each unit will return the empty cartridge cases and draw the equivalent number of live rounds.

Monday, 26th instant:— 5.15 p.m. Left, Centre and Right Sections M.G. Co., Scouts Company, Civil Service Company and Signalling Section at Headquarters under unit Commanders. 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground under Corps. Major-General and Edmonds.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery. 8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 1 at Belchers Battery.

Tuesday, 27th instant:— 7.30 p.m. Belchers 6th Section at Belchers Battery. 8.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery. Wednesday, 28th instant:— 5.10 p.m. Adjutant's Parade on Polo Ground, Left, Centre and Right Sections, M.G. Co., Scouts Company and Civil Service Company outside Courts of Justice and proceed by car to Polo Ground. Senior Officers need not attend. Thursday, 29th instant:— 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery and Belchers 6th Section at Volunteer Headquarters for lecture by Lieut.-Colonel T. B. P. Currie, General Staff. 8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 1 at Belchers Battery.

Friday, 30th instant:— 7.30 p.m. Belchers 6th Section at Belchers Battery. 8.15 p.m. Haynet Training class at Headquarters.

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8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery. Wednesday, 4th April:— 5.15 p.m. Haynet Training class at Headquarters.

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8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery. Thursday, 5th April:— 5.15 p.m. Haynet Training class at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters (C.S.M. Witherell, Corps. Atkinson and Edmonds will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery. Friday, 6th April:— 5.15 p.m. Haynet Training class at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters (C.S.M. Witherell, Corps. Atkinson and Edmonds will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery. Saturday, 7th April:— 5.15 p.m. Haynet Training class at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters (C.S.M. Witherell, Corps. Atkinson and Edmonds will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

8 to 10.30 p.m. E.L. class No. 2 at Belchers Battery. Sunday, 8th April:— 5.15 p.m. Haynet Training class at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters (C.S.M. Witherell, Corps. Atkinson and Edmonds will attend. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section "A" and "B" classes at Wellington Barracks. 5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery at Belchers Battery.

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## NOTICES.

## RIFLE LEAGUE.

The undermentioned members will represent the Corps versus the Naval Dockyard on Sunday, 1st April at 2.30 p.m. at Tai Hang Range:—C.S.M. G. Duncan, Sergt. C. E. Frith, Gr. A. V. Sibley, Sergt. D. W. Lambury, Sergt. H. Haines, Gr. E. Green, Sergt. M. Manuk and Corp. A. Martin. Reserve: Corp. Northey and Edmonds.

## SERGEANTS' MEETING.

A Meeting of the members of the Sergeants' Mess will be held in the Mess Room on Monday, 20th instant, at 8.45 p.m.

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## T.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, 27th inst. 8 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Surgeon S. E. Lee. 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill. Thursday, 29th inst. 8 p.m. Bandage Practice: Lee Corp. Wei Kan will take charge. 9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

SATURDAY DIVISION.

Sunday, April 1st. A Sergeant and 16 men will parade with the Hongkong Volunteer Reserves on Sunday, April 1st. Fall in on the Cricket Ground at 8.15 a.m. Dress: Helmet, shorts, puttees, haversacks (filled), waterbottle (filled), greatcoat (rolled), rations should be carried in haversacks. Two stretchers to be provided.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

Tuesday, 27th inst. Parade for duty on Queen's College Ground, Causeway Bay, at 1 p.m. Dress: Helmet, shorts, puttees, haversacks (filled), waterbottle (filled). One stretcher to be provided.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

Monday, 26th inst. 5.15 p.m. Stretcher Drill. Friday, 30th inst. 5.15 p.m. Company Drill. (Sd.) E. B. RALPH, Officer in Charge of District.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.

5th SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 26th.

Holy Communion (7.00 a.m.)

Maria (11 a.m.)

Responses, Ferial; Venite, Guseley; Psalms: Jones, Lemon, Dupuis; King; Te Deum, Lawes, Cooke, Hopkins; Benedictus, Cooke (13th morning); Hymns, 332, 356.

Evening (8 p.m.)

Responses, Ferial; Psalms of the 56th; Magnificat, Wesley (11th morning); Nunc Dimittis, Monk; Hymns, 370, 378, 20.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.

Morning Service at 11 a.m.—Hymns, 344, 360, 433, 440.

Evening service at 8 p.m.—Hymns, 370, 104, 371.

Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. after the evening service.

Morning Prayer at 11 a.m.

Venite, Guseley; Psalms, as set; Te Deum, Blisset; Benedictus, Barnby; Hymns, 15, 158, 173, 104.

Evening Prayer 8 p.m.

Psalm, as set; Magnificat, Attwood; Nunc Dimittis, Wesley; Kyrie, Dryer; Hymns, 174, 419, 20, 38.

Holy Communion.

Peak Church.

Evening Service at 8.30.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.

The Gospel Hall.

10 & 12 PRIMER STREET.

Weekly Services—Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Believers only 11 a.m.

Gospel Meeting, 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday, Bible study 5 p.m.

Friday, ladies' Bible study 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

First Church of Christ Scientist, MacDONNELL ROAD.

Sundays, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.

Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service 8.15 p.m.

Solid R. and Sisters Home, A. S. S. Street.

Sunday Evening, Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.

Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## AUCTIONS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned), on

## SATURDAY,

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Hongkong, March 24, 1917.

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On demand:— 2/3 1/2

30 days sight:— 2/3 1/2

4 months sight:— 2/3 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight:— 2/3 1/2

Documentary, 4 months sight:— 2/3 1/2

On Paris:— 2/3 1/2

On demand:— 2/3 1/2

On New York:— 2/3 1/2

On demand:— 2/3 1/2

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On demand:— 2/3 1/2

On Singapore:— 2/3 1/2

On demand:— 2/3 1/2

On Manila:— 2/3 1/2

On demand:— 2/3 1/2

On Shanghai:— 2/3 1/2

On demand:— 2/3 1/2

30 days sight (private paper):— 2/3 1/2

On Yokohama:— 2/3 1/2

On demand:— 2/3 1/2

Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael):— 48.70

Sovereigns (Bank of England):— 85.55

Silver (per tael):— 35 13/16

Bar Silver in Hongkong:— 17 1/2

Chinese Copper Cash:— 1 1/2

Chinese Copper Cent:— 1 1/2

Rate of Native Interest:— 8 1/2

Chinese Sub. Coin:— 8 1/2

Hongkong Sub. Coin:— 8 1/2

per.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The 130-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

March 25th to April 1st, 1917.

High Water Low Water

Time of Day Height Time of Day Height

Mon. 25 10 17 0.5 11 12 2.5

Tue. 26 10 20 0.5 11 15 2.5

Wed. 27 10 23 0.5 11 18 2.5

Thur. 28 10 26 0.5 11 21 2.5

Fri. 29 10 29 0.5 11 24 2.5

Sat. 30 10 32 0.5 11 27 2.5

Sun. 31 10 35 0.5 11 30 2.5

Mon. 1 10 38 0.5 11 33 2.5

Tue. 2 10 41 0.5 11 36 2.5

Wed. 3 10 44 0.5 11 39 2.5

Thur. 4 10 47 0.5 11 42 2.5

Fri. 5 10 50 0.5 11 45 2.5

Sat. 6 10 53 0.5 11 48 2.5

Sun. 7 10 56 0.5 11 51 2.5

Mon. 8 10 59 0.5 11 54 2.5

Tue. 9 11 02 0.5 11 57 2.5

Wed. 10 11 05 0.5 12 00 2.5

Thur. 11 11 08 0.5 12 03 2.5

Fri. 12 11 11 0.5 12 06 2.5

Sat. 13 11 14 0.5 12 09 2.5

Sun. 14 11 17 0.5 12 12 2.5

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 24th at 11.40. — No returns from Japanese stations. Pressure has decreased quickly at Vladivostok and slightly over Annam and the south coast of China. It is highest over N. China and South Manchuria, and relatively low over the south part of the China Sea.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the China coasts and over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1.89 inches, against an average of 1.30 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 25th March:—

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds, fresh to strong; cloudy.

2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong to Hainan: The same as No. 1.

## OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN MARCH.

The following table shows the Standard Time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of March, 1917:—

Date. Ends. Begins.

Mar. 24th. 6.11 a.m. 6.47 p.m.